

Appl. No. 10/049,950
Amdt. Dated March 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 6, 2004

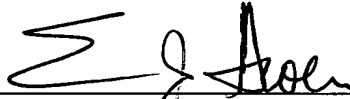
REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on January 6, 2004, is acknowledged. Applicants request re-examination of the above-mentioned application in view of the above amendments and remarks that follow.

Applicants have amended the claims to accept those objected to claims. More particularly, claim 1 incorporates the limitation of previously objected to claim 11; and objected to claims 7, 18, 21 and 25 were re-written in independent format.

An earnest attempt has been made to respond fully to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004. Applicants now believe the application is in condition for allowance and request passage thereof. If necessary to effect a timely response, please consider this paper a request for an extension of time, and charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels' Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (72262.90023). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

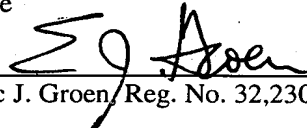


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